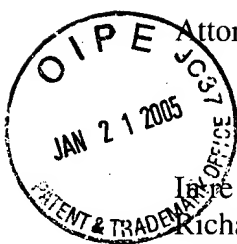


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FURTHER REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED AUGUST 25, 2004

Dear Sir:

This additional Reply is being submitted in response to the Official Action mailed January 5, 2005. The Reply filed on October 25, 2004, was considered not fully responsive to the non-final restriction requirement sent August 25, 2004.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants were required to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. Thus, Applicants elected to prosecute Group II, claims 2-13 and 17 drawn to a method for determining the susceptibility of a patient to psoriasis through nucleic acid sequence analysis, without traverse.

Applicants further elect a single haplotype consisting of a T nucleotide at position 619, a G nucleotide at position 1240 and a C nucleotide at position 1243. This election is further